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**YEE AND LEONARD OFFER FREE TAX SEMINAR FOR
SANTA BARBARA NONPROFIT AND EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS**

The Board of Equalization's Betty T. Yee, First District Acting Member, and Bill Leonard, Second District Member, are sponsoring a free one-day tax seminar to assist nonprofit and exempt organizations in Santa Barbara and surrounding areas.

Yee and Leonard encourage those responsible for nonprofit and exempt organizations to attend and learn how tax laws and reporting requirements affect their operations. Topics will include property taxes, employment taxes, sales taxes and other relevant tax laws for nonprofit organizations.

Experts from the Board of Equalization, the Employment Development Department, the Franchise Tax Board, and the Internal Revenue Service will be on hand to assist attendees.

Date: Thursday, September 14, 2006
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.)
Place: University Center, Corwin Pavilion
UC Santa Barbara
Santa Barbara, CA 93106

Those wishing to attend may register online at www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/nonprofitsched.htm.

For more information please call 916-341-7389.

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects almost \$50 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

Bill Leonard, of Sacramento/Ontario, was elected to his first term as Second District Member of the State Board of Equalization in 2002. Prior to his election, he served in the State Assembly (1978-1988, 1996-2002) and in the State Senate (1988-1996).

Acting Board Member Betty T. Yee, of San Francisco, assumed the First District seat on the Board of Equalization in 2004.

Other Board Members include Claude Parrish of Long Beach, Third District; Chairman John Chiang of Los Angeles, Fourth District; and State Controller Steve Westly.

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